

20 CALVIN MYERS: My name's Calvin Myers. [I am a 1
21 Nevadan. My history is from Nevada. My people are from
22 here for hundreds and thousands of years. So you're
23 welcome to my lands. Don't screw it up.

24 What I'd like to -- there's so many things I'd
25 like to say but there's not enough time. So I would
1 like to say that every one of you have good points, even
2 people that are for the project. But my point of view
3 is that I run my life through my culture, which is
4 deeply embedded in me and deeply embedded in most tribal
5 people. Most of them don't use it. I do.

6 You can't say that this is safe. You can't
7 say you can't get sick. I am not a Downwinder, because
8 when they had those blasts, they put up those led
9 shields over us. Not one of my people are Downwinders.

10 Yet our people die from cancer. Our people
11 have all the good stuff that make you hurt for your
12 whole life. My dad died from cancer and he smoked. It
13 wasn't lung cancer. He died from cancer that was in his
14 brain. He was outside. We were all outside. We
15 ingested it through the air, through the food, through
16 the water.

17 I am not stupid. I am a lay person. I
18 have -- I have been on many committees about the nuclear
19 waste. I understand that, yes, being an outside person,
20 people that live outside, that you are impacted by
21 whatever's outside.

22 The Yucca Mountain project I've kind of

23 followed for the last 15 years. I'm appalled at some of
24 the reactions I get from the DOE people, contractors.
25 People standing in the room now, how they've acted
1 towards tribal people, how they've tried to put us in
2 the back, put us in the back of the room.

3 I am appalled that one thing that happened to
4 me when I was first started, I was asking questions, my
5 question was never answered. So I was confronted by two
6 of the contractors to DOE for the Yucca Mountain
7 project. They were screaming and yelling at me so bad
8 that their faces were brighter than his red shirt, and I
9 can feel the saliva coming out of their mouth when they
10 were screaming and yelling at me.

11 I was the vice chairman of my tribal council.
12 That's the respect we get. That's how we as Indian
13 people are treated. And I agree with Ian Zabarte. I've
14 known him for a while. I do agree with him on a lot of
15 things, and we don't see eye to eye on everything.

16 A lot of this -- this project is going to ruin
17 our lands. Sure, it's not going to be -- it's going to
18 run off my reservation, because if they have this
19 Caliente Corridor, it's going to come up from the south,
20 and that runs through my reservation. It's going to
21 impact us, not just the rail line coming through, it's
22 going to impact our culture, it's going to impact our
23 way of life, it's going to impact the way our kids come
24 out. Are we going to be deformed? Are we going to have
25 no eyes, no legs, no arms?

1 They can't say no, it won't happen. It will

2 at some time if this keeps happening, because once you
3 pile a grain of sand on top of another, it builds up.
4 Something happens. That grain of sand has already
5 started a long time when you start messing with this
6 nuclear bombing at the test range.

7 I read a long time ago that some of the
8 medicine men from the tribes in the north were the first
9 youth getting the uranium from. That's a snake you
10 don't want to mess with. Since the non-Indians are so
11 greedy, they open that snake up, they let him out, and
12 now they have this problem they don't know what to do
13 with.

14 You know what, it's your problem. You're
15 going to have to live with it. I'm going to have to
16 live with it, even though you were told not to bother
17 it. That's what happens when greed becomes your life.
18 That's what happens when the almighty dollar is more
19 important than your children's future.

20 That's what happens when you -- when you start
21 polluting the environment. Where are you going to live
22 at when this planet is all polluted? Are you going to
23 build little pods and move somewhere else? What are you
24 going to do there, pollute that too? That's the things
25 that people don't really understand.

1 Government -- being from a government, when I
2 was in Washington, this Yucca Mountain project when I
3 was working with them closely, I was part of the
4 government -- of my government. Well, there was such a

5 thing as government to government. You know what, that
6 was on paper. That was never acknowledged. That was
7 never acknowledged by the Department of Energy.

8 When you try to talk to them about government
9 to government, trust, responsibility, I've had their
10 attorneys when I was in D.C. ask, "What does that mean?"
11 Well, if you don't know what it means, you better find
12 out, because that's going to be your problem when you
13 start trying to build this Yucca Mountain project.

14 Because to me, every tribe in the
15 United States that's going to be impacted by this
16 project has a right to sue the U.S. government and
17 Department of Energy for trust responsibility.]

18 And that's all I'd like to say for right now,
19 because we've heard the rest it. You've heard both
20 sides. It is pretty late. I'd like to go home, too. I
21 would like to thank you guys for sticking around.